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under 37 CFR 1.17(m). Any additional required fees may be charged to deposit account number 19-2825, order number 865-002u.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), Applicants hereby assert that the entire delay in filing this Amendment was unintentional. At all times, the Applicants wished to continue prosecution on this application.

Applicants note that the Notice of Abandonment states in Box 7, a copy of which is attached, that the "attorney stated that inventor expressed that the case be abandoned, and that they wished no further fees to be incurred." *This is not accurate.* The Attorney at no time, either on their own, or on behalf of the Applicants, expressed a desire for abandonment. A paralegal working for the Attorney, in response to a telephonic request, noted that the records did not show a response in the file. However, they did not state any reason for this, nor would they have known such a reason. In fact, it was not until after the Notice of Abandonment was received that the reason for the abandonment, stated above, was known. Attorneys or Applicants at no time indicated a desire on the part of the Applicant to abandon the application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this Petition is in grantable order and respectfully request that the enclosed application proceed to issue accordingly. If the Petitions officer reviewing this application requires any additional information they are invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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